

New Braunfels February 18th 1873

Prof. Asa Gray
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Professor, your kind letter, dated January 7th was received in due time, and I am rejoiced to learn that the two packages of seeds did arrive safely. In answer to your question, what I would like to receive, I want to send you, if this can be done by mail, some Cyan Calcium, to poison the cutting ants, who destroy my garden vegetables, fruit trees and grape vines. Mr Charles Smith has had a few troublesome tree insects which are the same as *Aspidiotus* Texas.

I should like it again this spring, to collect flowers and seeds of the various and other plants in the botanical garden, and would like to receive some specimens from Gray's College in this respect.

To my friend Mr. Carter I send a few plants. I hope you will find them interesting in a new way. Enclosed you find my letters, but I would like to receive no other information, if you have any more news nearly I need it.

Yours respectfully

Wm. L. Garrison